

1 SEC. 5. **Employees.** That section one hundred seventy-five-a
2 (175-a) of chapter eight (8), title two (II), supplement to the code,
3 1913, be and the same is hereby amended by striking out all of said
4 section after the word "duties" in the fourth line and inserting the
5 following, "assigned them. All employees shall be selected on their
6 merits, after competitive examinations and shall be subject to removal
7 at the pleasure of the executive council."

1 SEC. 6. **Publication clause.** This act being deemed of immediate
2 importance shall take effect and be in force from and after its pub-
3 lication in the Des Moines News, a newspaper published in the city
4 of Des Moines, Iowa, and the Sioux City Journal, a newspaper pub-
5 lished in the city of Sioux City, Iowa.

Approved February 19, A. D. 1915.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Des Moines News Febru-
ary 22, 1915, and the Sioux City Journal February 23, 1915.

W. S. ALLEN, *Secretary of State.*

CHAPTER 9.

P. N. SUCKSDORF.

S. F. 38.

AN ACT authorizing conveyance and patent to P. N. Sucksdorf for a certain tract of
land to correct error in title.

WHEREAS, on the 14th day of April, 1892, one Finley Burke and wife, Parthenia J. Burke, borrowed from the permanent school fund of Pottawattamie Co., Iowa, the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) and to secure the payment thereof executed with his wife to Pottawattamie county, Iowa, for the benefit of the school fund of said county, a first mortgage upon block two (2) in Burke's addition to Council Bluffs, Iowa, securing a promissory note for said amount, due April 14, 1897, with interest thereon at the rate of six per cent per annum payable annually; and

WHEREAS, said mortgagors, having defaulted in the payment of the interest on said loan, said mortgage was foreclosed as required by law in the district court of Iowa at Council Bluffs, by decree entered in Equity case No. 14,036, on the 16th day of September, 1904; and

WHEREAS, thereafter all of said premises, to wit, block two (2) in Burke's addition to the city of Council Bluffs, Iowa, were sold under execution issued on said judgment and decree in said Pottawattamie county, Iowa, for the benefit of the school fund of said county for the full amount of principal and interest then due on said loan, together with the costs of said foreclosure proceedings and a certificate of the purchase issued by the sheriff of said county to said purchaser; and

WHEREAS, still later there being no redemption made from said sale, a sheriff's deed of said premises, was in due form of law executed to said

Pottawattamie county, Iowa, for use of the permanent school fund on October 25th, 1905; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to said sale under execution the permanent school fund of said county was duly credited in full for the aggregate principal and interest then due on said loan thereby making said school fund whole in all respects and preserving the same from any and all loss; and

WHEREAS, thereafter, and on the 21st day of April, 1910, said Pottawattamie county, through its board of supervisors, and upon the assumption that the title to said tract was absolutely in the county, resold said premises to P. N. Sucksdorf and executed a deed thereof to said purchaser; and

WHEREAS, doubts have now arisen as to the legality of said sale and conveyance by said Pottawattamie county to said P. N. Sucksdorf, and as to whether, under the school fund laws of this state at that time, the title to said premises should not have been regarded as vesting in the state of Iowa, under said sheriff's deed, thereby necessitating a resale of said premises in the same manner as other school lands belonging to the state; now

Therefore, in order to clear the apparent doubt resting upon said premises and the title thereto,

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. **Relinquishment of title.** That the title to block two
2 (2) in Burke's addition to the city of Council Bluffs, Iowa, does
3 hereby pass from the state of Iowa, to said P. N. Sucksdorf, and that
4 the same shall vest absolutely in him. Provided however, that this
5 act shall not affect pending litigation, if any, affecting the title to
6 said property.

1 SEC. 2. **Patent authorized.** That the governor of the state, and
2 the secretary of state are hereby authorized and directed to issue to
3 the said P. N. Sucksdorf a patent for the said block two (2) described
4 in section 1 hereof, and deliver same to the said P. N. Sucksdorf.

Approved February 19, A. D. 1915.

CHAPTER 10.

OF CEMETERY FUNDS.

S. F. 146.

AN ACT to amend section two hundred fifty-four-a-twelve (254-a12), supplement to the code, 1913, relating to the management, control and investment of funds donated for cemetery purposes.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. **Trustee of funds.** That section two hundred fifty-
2 four-a twelve (254-a12), supplement to the code, 1913, be and the